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SUBJECT: Garrison Commander's Policy Memorandum No. 14 — Security of Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Training Aids

1. **References.**

a. AR 15-6, Procedures For Investigation Officers and Boards of Officers, 30 September 1996.

b. AR 190-51, Security of Unclassified Army Property (Sensitive and Nonsensitive), 30 October 1993.

c. AR 7-10-2, Supply Policy Below the National Level, 08 July 2005.

d. AR 735-5, Policies and Procedures for Property Accountability, 28 February 2005.

2. **Purpose**. This memorandum explains procedures for using, safe-keeping, and reporting the loss of IED training aids.

3. **Regulatory Guidance**. Locally fabricated IED training aids do not meet the criteria for Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives as described in AR 190-11, despite their appearance as real devices. Storage and accountability fall under the provisions of AR 190-51 and AR 710-2. AR 190-51, paragraph 3-16b(1), states that "Equipment will be secured in a separate building or room under storage structure security standards stated in Appendix B". When not in use, the item is to be treated as any other high value supply item and protected as such. Loss of these training aids is governed by AR 735-5.

4. **Other Issues**. Although IED training aids do not meet the criteria for Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives, the high quality of their construction and their realistic appearance require the utmost caution. When observed by untrained personnel, such an inert device can cause distress and result in the diversion of valuable first-responder assets to determine if the device is real. In the hands of a criminal or terrorist, these training aids could be used to extort money or cause panic in the community. There is also the potential that a terrorist or criminal might convert such a simulated device to a real IED, in order to kill or injure first responders or other personnel. Responding military police and Explosive Ordnance and Demolition (EOD) personnel should treat such devices as real if found unattended and conduct precautionary security and evacuation procedures until such devices are determined to be of no threat.

5. **Procedures for Storage, Safekeeping, and Reporting Loss**. All IED training aids issued to units by the Training Support Center (TSC) must be stored by the unit in a locked and secured room with controlled access. Unit storage must be in full compliance with the procedures outlined in AR 190-51, paragraph 3-16. When an IED training aid is in use by the unit, the individual who signed for the IED training aid should retain physical control of it at all times until it is returned to the secure area for storage. When the IED training aid has not been issued to a unit and is still in possession of TSC, its storage must be in full compliance with the procedures outlined in AR 190-51, paragraph 3-16. Loss of IED training aids will be reported immediately to the military police and to the TSC Property Book Officer. Commanders of units where the loss of an IED training aid has occurred will direct or request an investigation in accordance with AR 735-5 and AR 15-6, to determine the circumstances surrounding the loss, to recommend appropriate corrective actions, and to determine financial liability as appropriate.

6. **Marking of IED Training Devices.** Marking the exterior of IED training aids to clearly identify them as inert or as training aids would detract from their value for training purposes. However, these simulated IEDs will be clearly marked as inert training aids on the inside of their outer casing with a card that also indicates who to contact upon recovery. TSC will assign serial numbers to all such devices so that they can be identified if found unattended or are stolen.

7. **POC**. The POC for this policy is the DPTMS Training Division at DSN 780-0377 or Comm 706-791-0377.

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This memorandum supersedes the Garrison Commander's Policy Memorandum No. 14 — Security of IED Training Aids, 21 December 2005.